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Representative Jeff Miller to

Participate in Local "Youth Conversation"

Milton, Florida - Congressman Jeff Miller, newly elected Representative to the First Congressional District, is planning to participate in the Santa Rosa County Youth Conversation and will be presented with the Florida "Friend of 4-H" Award. The event will be held on Friday December 7th from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Pensacola Junior College Milton Campus.

The local conversation is the "grass roots" level of the National Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century. It is a part of the 4-H Centennial Celebration, which is being conducted throughout the United States. Santa Rosa County youth and adults will have an opportunity to discuss and make recommendations about issues that concern youth.

"We are very excited that Representative Miller is planning to participate in our local conversation," says Vickie B. Mullins, Santa Rosa County 4-H Coordinator. "Representative Miller has been a long time supporter of youth and the 4-H program. His willingness to participate in our local conversation indicates his concern for youth issues."

"We will also be presenting the "Florida - Friend of 4-H Award" to Representative Miller at our local conversation," says Mullins. "This is a prestigious award that is presented annually to an outstanding supporter of the Florida 4-H Program. The nomination and selection process is very selective and it is an honor for us to present this award to Representative Miller. The award is usually presented at the State 4-H Congress, but Representative Miller was unable to attend that event, so we

are delighted that we will be able to make the presentation at our local event. Amy Bowman, the State 4-H Council Vice President, and a Santa Rosa County 4-H member along with other local 4-H members will make the presentation to Representative Miller."

The Santa Rosa County Youth Conversation is a 4-H sponsored event but it is not for 4-H members only. Registration for the Santa Rosa County Youth Conversation was due on November 28. However Mullins said "We would like to have as much input from the community as possible, so if there is any youth or adult interested in participating they can call Vickie B. Mullins at 623-3868 by Wednesday, December 5th, to register for the event."

For more information about the Santa Rosa County 4-H program contact, Vickie B. Mullins, 4-H Coordinator, at the Santa Rosa County Extension Office (623-3868 or 939-1259, ext. 1360). Extension Service programs are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.